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1. MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ANNOUNCED LATE MARCH 10 THE REMOVAL
OF 16 PERSONS FROM THE PODER EJECUTIVO NACIONAL (PEN).
INCLUDED IN THE LIST WERE ALEJANDRO DEUTSCH (111/77/9)
AND JOHN FRANCO TESTA (103,77/9).

2. EMBASSY FINALLY WAS ABLE TO CONTACT MRS. DEUTSCH AT
FAMILY'S BUSINESS THIS MORNING (3/13). MRS. DEUTSCH HAS
MET WITH OFFICIALS OF CORDOBA PENITENTIARY (WHERE HER
HUSBAND IS HELD) AND WITH THE PROVINCIAL PRISON
AUTHORITIES. HOWEVER, THE CORDOBA PRISON AUTHORITIES
HAVE RECEIVED NO DIRECTIVES REGARDING MR. DEUTSCH TO DATE.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT:-- EMBASSY HAS NOTED SIGNIFICANT DELAYS
IN THE ACTUAL PROCESSING OF PRISONER RELEASES IN OTHER
CASES AND SOME DELAY COULD BE ENCOUNTERED HERE.
THE MININT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING MR. DEUTSCH, LIKE MOST

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POSITIVE HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENT IN ARGENTINA, WAS
PREVIOUSLY AND PURPOSELY SIGNALLED TO THE EMBASSY (SEE BA-1251).
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